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REMARKS

Claims 76-87 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-75 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any or all of these canceled claims in one or more continuing applications. Claims 76-87 were previously presented in the preliminary amendment filed February 28, 2008. As stated in that preliminary amendment, support for each of these new claims can be found in the claims as originally filed and elsewhere throughout the specification. For example, independent claim 76 is supported by the specification at originally-filed claim 36, paragraph [0008], paragraph [0150], paragraph [0219], Figure 23 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Support for claim 77 can be found at paragraph [0152] and elsewhere throughout the specification. Claims 78-80, 82, 83 and 85-87 are supported by originally-filed claims 37-61 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Claim 81 is supported by the specification, for example, at paragraph [0123], paragraph [0219], Figure 23 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Claim 84 is supported by the specification at paragraph [0230], paragraph [0236], paragraph [0242] and elsewhere throughout the specification. Accordingly, none of the foregoing amendments add new matter to the instant application.

Related Co-owned, Co-pending Applications

As stated in the preliminary amendment filed February 28, 2008, Applicants would like to make the Examiner aware of the following related co-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/115,868, filed April 26, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/587,735, filed April 26, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/021,618, filed December 23, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/165,305, filed June 23, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/474,211, filed June 23, 2006

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/317,387, filed December 22, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/588,693, filed October 27, 2006

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/681,687, filed March 2, 2007

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/773,944, filed July 5, 2007

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U.S. Patent Application No. 11/860,494, filed September 24, 2007

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all outstanding issues in this case have been resolved and that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below in order to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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